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By ARTHUR SAUL SUPER

ON August 30, 1939, when it was clear that war with Hitler's Germany was inevitable, the late Dr. Chaim Weizmann wrote to Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Prime Minister of England, that the Jews "stand by Great Britain and will fight on the side of the democracies." He added that the Jewish Agency was "ready to enter into immediate arrangements for utilizing Jewish manpower, technical resources and the like." This evoked the rather cold response from Mr. Chamberlain that the "public spirited assurances were welcome and would be kept in mind." One could hardly have expected more of him since at that eleventh hour he was still hoping to avoid a conflict with Hitler and even after Poland was invaded on September 1 and despite Britain's clear pledge to that unhappy country, he still in a memorably painful scene in the House of Commons had to be prodded into the action he took in declaring war. On September 3 the Jewish Agency renewed the offer; this time in more specific terms when it stated that opposition to the White Paper was "never directed against Great Britain or the British Empire," and all the "assistance that we shall be able and permitted to give to the British Army and the British people we shall render wholeheartedly." On the same day a joint meeting of the Executive of the Jewish Agency and the Vaad Leumi was held in Jerusalem when it was decided to carry out a voluntary registration of volunteers (men and women) for national service during the period of the emergency. Immediately 85,781 men and 50,262 women enrolled representing respectively 71 and 42% of the total age groups between 18 and 50 years.

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HOWEVER the demand of the Jewish Agency and the population of Palestine to serve in a specific Jewish unit on an active front was not granted for five years, until exactly ten years ago today when, on September 20, 1944, the War Office announced that "H.M. Government have decided to accede to the request of the Jewish Agency that a Jewish Brigade should be formed to take part in active operations. The Infantry Brigade will be based on the Jewish Battalions of the Palestine Regiment, and the necessary concentration for training is now taking place before despatch to a theatre of war." A week later Mr. Winston Churchill, the British Prime Minister, said in the House of Commons that it seemed to him appropriate that "a special Jewish unit, a special unit of that race which has suffered indescribable torments from the Nazis should be represented as a distinct formation amongst the forces gathered for their final overthrow." In fact Jews had been fighting in the hundreds of thousands in the Allied forces from the very outset, but not as Jews. In spite of all set-backs and artificial restrictions introduced by the Government, by the time of Alamein there were over 30,000 Palestinian Jews serving in the Middle East. Many of them had had to assume alien names and there had often been bitter recriminations with unsympathetic commanding officers because the Jewish flag was not "regulation" and therefore could not be hoisted. Now at last on that fateful September 20 there was a Jewish Brigade bearing the Magen David as its sign.

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THE period of active service before VE day was in truth very short, but nevertheless sufficient to take a toll of many young heroic lives. But when the battle was over the task of occupation began and then also commenced, in a sense, the struggle for the Jewish State in a miniature form. The Brigade wished to go in search of its brethren who had survived the massacre of the six million. They found a good deal of sympathy in some quarters but also a good deal of official opposition; quite naturally. It had been no accident that this request for a Jewish Brigade had been consistently overlooked when repeatedly urged by the Jewish Agency, for the British Government's policy throughout the war was to conceal any official recognition of any part played by Palestine Jews as such. It was perspicacious enough to see that to do so would be to create a "political fact." The granting of the right to form a Jewish Brigade group was indeed getting very close to the threshold of recognition of a valid Jewish nationality in Palestine. Later the Jewish State was to force itself into existence against the wishes of some; now the Jewish Brigade broke the artificial red tape strangulation and in a few months wrote its glorious history. It might well be claimed that at the moment when the Jewish flag first went up on the war map at Allied Headquarters the Jewish State was born, and the members of the Jewish Brigade were its first citizens.

Jerusalem, September 20.

New Regulations For Civil Service Appointments

New regulations affecting the appointment of Government officials of executive rank were approved at yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

One of the aims of the regulations adopted is to make Directors-General of Ministries permanent officials and not political appointees who relinquish their office with a change in the composition of the Government. According to the new procedure, candidates will be examined by a committee appointed by the Prime Minister and one of the factors which will affect its decision will be whether the candidate is prepared to become a career civil servant. Should a Director-General resign, adequate reason must be given to the Prime Minister.

The appointment of other executives in Grades I-V is also covered by the new regulations. Posts which are filled by the Government and not by individual Ministers, such as the Inspector-General of Police, the Director of the Information Services, and the directors of Government-owned companies, are covered by precautionary rulings. They must make a statement listing all property which they, their wives or children hold, and are forbidden to be members of the management of commercial concerns. Since a number of senior officials are at present connected with commercial organisations and were, in fact, appointed precisely because of their business experience — some of them as "Dollar-a-year-men" —there is bound to be some discrepancy between the conditions of service of these officials and those appointed in the future. The Cabinet is still to consider this aspect of the matter.

All resignations and transfers from one Ministry or Department to another must, in future, be gazetted.

The regulations also cover the public behaviour of senior civil servants. Public criticism of other Ministries or Departments is forbidden, whether in the form of newspaper interviews or otherwise.

It is estimated that some 650 persons are affected.

The Cabinet also decided to refer the threatened bakers' strike to the Economic Ministers Committee.

The official communique said:

The Cabinet, at its weekly session in Jerusalem yesterday, heard Mr. Yosef Saphir report on his visit to South Africa;

Heard Ambassador Y. Tsur survey the development of relations between Israel and France and the problems involved in immigration from North Africa;

Authorized the regulations for administrative officials; and

Authorized the postal agreement with Australia.

Gov't Near Decision On New Bread Rise

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Government representatives this morning told Mr. S. Goren of the Cooperative Centre that, within three or four days, they will decide on the demands of the cooperative bakeries for a rise in the price of bread. (A delegation of the bakers is to meet government representatives in Jerusalem tomorrow afternoon).

Mr. Goren told *The Jerusalem Post* tonight that his suggestion was that the price of standard bread be raised by two-and-a-half prutot, and the price of white bread by eight prutot. This proposal is one pruta higher than the previous one, due to this month's increase in the C-o-L index.

The cooperative bakeries, which were today to have fixed a date for a general strike, agreed to postpone their decision for three or four days. The private sector of the industry awaits the cooperative bakeries' stand.

The meeting with Mr. Goren today was attended by Mr. Y. Glickman, Director General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. M. Zagagi, Deputy Director General of the Ministry of Finance. They may contact the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, who is now in Europe.

LABOUR TROUBLE LOOMS IN SOCONY

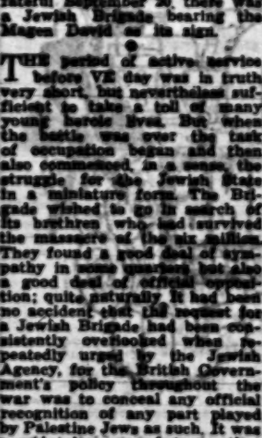
HAIFA, Sunday. — A dispute over the annual labour agreement is reported to have deadlocked negotiations between the Socony Vacuum Company and the Haifa Labour Council representing the 340 oil workers. The issues are said to be similar to those that produced the recent Shell strike: the deduction by the Company of a Labour Exchange contribution from the pay of non-union employees, and certain clauses which the Labour Council wants to see included to improve the pensions scheme.

War Games in North

Northern Command today begins its part in the Defence Forces autumn manoeuvres with parachute troops bombarding with land, sea and air forces in large-scale operations.

This stage of the manoeuvres is the finale of a prolonged and difficult study period for the parachute troops, the Air Force and Navy in combined operations.

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Air Force planes, including jets, exercised over Tel Aviv for an hour this afternoon. Some of the fighters flew so low that they apparently almost touched the radio aerials atop buildings.



FLYING BEDSTEAD

'Which China?' Seen Main Issue Of 9th UN Assembly Session

NEW YORK, Sunday. — The question of Chinese representation is expected to overshadow all other issues when the U.N. General Assembly meets here on Tuesday.

The Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, is almost certain again to demand the ousting of the Chinese Nationalists and the seating instead of the Peking Government. Indications are that he will be defeated and that the Assembly will decide to postpone the issue another year.

A blow against efforts to seat the Peking Government was made tonight by U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., who published a list of 20 warlike acts by China against ships and aircraft of other nations during the last four years.

It is expected that Mr. Vyshinsky will also launch a big propaganda campaign for a European security organization including Russia.

Twenty-five Foreign Ministers have been named to head delegations to the Assembly session, including British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, and French Premier Pierre Mendes-France, but it is not certain that all of them will attend.

Two Candidates

Mr. D. van Kleffens of the Netherlands and Prince Wan of Thailand are candidates for this year's presidency of the Assembly, with the former expected to win the post. If that happens he will be the first European to occupy the chair since 1948.

The Assembly's provisional agenda includes 67 items, with the addition of two new important issues — The Greek demand for union of Cyprus with Greece, and the Indonesian claim for the incorporation of Dutch-held Western New Guinea in the Indonesia Republic.

The problem of admitting the 21 nations who for years have been sitting on the doorstep of the U.N. waiting for a change in the cold war climate to enable them to enter, is still deadlocked.

The Korean question is still on the agenda but it is not thought likely there will be any important development. The issues of Morocco and Tunisia are again on the agenda.

(Reuter, UP)

Nationalist Island Off Amoy Shelled

TAIPEH, Sunday (UP). — Guns on the Chinese mainland hammered Tatan Island near Quemoy today in what Nationalist sources said was the heaviest attack since the shelling of Quemoy began on September 1.

Nationalist reports said that the Peking Government was reinforcing its navy along the South China coast, and that planes from Formosa continued their assault on positions around Amoy and shipping along the coast.

Fears were expressed that Tatan might be seized as a springboard towards Quemoy, because it dominates the approaches to Amoy harbour. The increased shelling follows the sinking of a 1,000-ton tanker 65 kms. south of Quemoy on Saturday by Nationalist Thunderbolts.

Peking Radio announced yesterday that the Chinese navy had "chased away" nine Nationalist warships in the Formosa Straits on two occasions on July 31 and August 28 off the Fukien coast.

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Dinur, Einstein Meet In Princeton

Professor Benzion Dinur, Minister of Education and Culture, who is now in the U.S., visited Professor Albert Einstein in his Princeton home on Saturday morning for a private talk, the Ministry has announced. Afterwards the two men participated in a luncheon arranged by the Friends of the Hebrew University at which New Jersey Governer Alfred Driscoll was also present.

In the course of his tour, Professor Dinur met representatives of the German Claims Commission, the YIVO Institute and the Jewish Agency to discuss a joint programme to organize and implement "Yad Vashem" projects.

The Minister also attended the opening of American Jewry's tercentenary celebrations in New York's Shearit Yisrael synagogue. At the convention of the American Jewish Historical Society on September 13-14, Professor Dinur lectured on the historiography of the American Jewish community in the light of general Jewish historiography.

At a reception, held for the Minister by the Israel Consulate in New York, and attended by representatives of Hebrew and Yiddish literature and education, Professor Dinur spoke on the problems of education and culture in Israel.

Professor Dinur spoke on the same subject that day over New York's Municipal radio station.

10 Tunisian Outlaws, French Officer Killed

TUNIS, Sunday. — French security forces killed 10 fellaghas (bandits) in a sharp skirmish in the Gafsa region yesterday, it was reported here today.

The reports not yet officially confirmed, said the French lost one officer killed, a non-commissioned officer wounded and a few men slightly wounded.

The clash occurred during cleaning-up operations which were still continuing.

3 Deaths in Negev

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — A resident of kibbutz Magen in the northern Negev, who accidentaly shot himself in the leg while returning from guard duty two days ago, died today in the Hadassah Hospital here. The bullet is believed to have severed an artery and he died from loss of blood. His name has not been revealed.

A 10-year-old boy of the el-Husseil Beduin tribe, Talab Muhamed el-Huse'il was drowned in the reservoir opposite Shuval yesterday. He slipped into the shallow pool while playing near the dam.

The Beersheba Municipality had decided to bring back to Beersheba for burial, at municipal expense, the body of Mr. Mafsela, a local resident without relatives in Israel, who was drowned off Bat Yam last week.

A labourer who was laying irrigation pipes at Kibbutz Nitzanim near Ashkelon this morning, was electrocuted when a pipe he lifted touched a high tension electric wire.

The victim was Avraham Chiacin, 19 of nearby Gimel here. He was taken to the local first aid station but all efforts to revive him failed.

Breach of TA Coalition—Herut

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Herut party, which is a partner of the General Zionists in the local Municipal Council, today issued a sharp attack on Mayor Haim Levanon for his "defeat at the hands of the Histadrut" in the settlement of the strike in the Municipal Engineering Department. They claim that the Mayor signed an agreement with the Labour Council without consulting them and that they therefore feel that the coalition agreement has been broken.

At a meeting tonight between Herut councillors and the Mayor, Mr. Levanon is reported to have said that he had not given in to the Workers Committee as Mr. A. Rotman, the clerk whose withdrawal from the Roads Depart. ment had been demanded, remained in the department and was only transferred to another section. Also, the Mayor stated, the Workers Committee had not rejected his right to effect transfers between departments.

At a post mortem meeting of Tel Aviv Municipal Workers at the Ohel Shem Hall this afternoon to mark their "victory" in the dispute, Mr. E. Schechter, head of the Tel Aviv Labour Council, said that the success was the result of the justness of the workers' demands. He demanded from the Municipality a parity committee for labour relations and the withdrawal of recognition from the National Workers Union which includes five per cent of Municipal employees.

Syrian Premier Visits Cairo To Abate 'Fears'

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter).—The Syrian Prime Minister Said Ghazi arrived at the airport here this morning for a brief visit to Cairo. He is returning to Damascus tomorrow, when the country goes to the polls for its first parliamentary elections since the overthrow of the Shishakly regime in February.

He was met by Prime Minister Gamal Abdul Nasser and the Minister for National Guidance, Major Salah Salem.

The two premiers, Major Salem and General Shawkat Shukeir, chief of staff of the Syrian Army, later conferred at the presidency. Ghazi and Nasser discussed Arab problems, including defence. They are to meet again tonight.

Ghazi's visit to Egypt follows within 48 hours a visit by the Iraqi Premier, Nuri e-Said.

The Syrian Premier told reporters that he came to Egypt "to remove certain apprehensions" in the mind of the Egyptian Prime Minister.

(A Damascus Radio broadcast on the Premier's trip said he went to discuss Syria's attitude toward receiving American military aid "since other Arab Governments have agreed to receive" it.)

DAWN-TO-DUSK CURFEW IN GAZA

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — A dawn-to-dusk curfew was imposed as from today in all military zones in the Gaza strip, the Gaza Military Governor announced.

The announcement warned that sentries will shoot on sight any person contravening this order, and said the curfew had been imposed "in view of the state of tension in regions bordering on Israel."

About 200,000 Arab refugees live in the area.

(Major General E. L. M. Burns, U.N. TSO Chief of Staff, flew to Gaza today from Jerusalem to confer with Egyptian MAC representatives. It was learned in Jerusalem this evening. He returned to Jerusalem this evening and is going to Amman tomorrow morning. In the afternoon he is due in Haifa, from where he will go to watch part of the Defence Forces Northern Command manoeuvres.)

Anglo-Iraqi Treaty Under Discussion in London

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Iraqi Premier Nuri e-Said and Minister of State Selwyn Lloyd will meet tomorrow to discuss the future of the 23-year-old Anglo-Iraqi treaty, diplomatic sources revealed today.

The treaty, due to expire in October, 1957, allows Britain to maintain air bases at Habaniya, near Baghdad and Shaiba, near Basra. Either side can now renounce the treaty, but only after provision for continued protection of essential British communications.

The Iraqi Premier arrived here yesterday for a 10-day visit during which he will receive medical treatment, and was followed by King Feisal who arrived here today for a two-week holiday.

There have been reports that the Habaniya base will be maintained by private civilian firms on the lines of the Anglo-Egyptian Suez agreement.

Saud Restates 'Palestine' Policy to Lilienthal

CAIRO, Sunday (Reuter). — According to reports from Saudi Arabia received here today, King Saud has told the American anti-Zionist, Mr. Alfred Lilienthal, that the "Palestine problem" could be solved if Israel repatriated and compensated Arab refugees, implemented all U.N. resolutions and stopped the immigration of Zionists into Israel.

King Saud is reported to have said that not a single Arab would agree to a settlement with Israel as long as Palestine Arabs lived as displaced persons and the Western powers continue to back Israel in its refusal to implement U.N. resolutions.

He added, according to the reports, that "millions of Arabs and Moslems are only too willing to shed their blood to recover Palestine from the Zionists. This will come inevitably if Israel persists in its present attitude."

Communist Leader Held in Lebanon

Abdul Hai Bustan, one of the best-known Communist leaders in the Middle East, was detained in Lebanon on Sunday, the British-controlled NEARS reported.

A powerful radio receiver and transmitter, a printing press, and large quantities of Communist pamphlets were discovered in his hideout.

Bustan, an Iraqi, was previously deprived of his citizenship by the Iraqi Government.

LONDON-AMSTERDAM IN 48 MINUTES

LONDON, Sunday. — A British European Airways prop-jet Viscount airliner today flew from London to Amsterdam in a record 48 minutes. The plane, on a scheduled flight with 36 passengers, cut 37 minutes off normal flying time.

9 Nations Meet in London Sept. 28 on German Issue

Prelude to October NATO Talks

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — British envoys abroad were today delivering invitations to a nine-power conference in London on September 28 to work out a new plan for re-arming West Germany, now that the European Army project is dead.

The Foreign Office, announcing this today, said the Foreign Ministers of nine nations would assemble in London next Monday. The invitations are a formality. Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has already received approval for the conference from the other eight nations — the U.S., Canada, France, West Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

The meeting, a critical one for Trans-Atlantic as well as European relations, will last about five days, and will be a prelude to a wider conference of the 14 Atlantic pact nations in mid-October.

The London conference will bring to the table the six signatories to the European Defence Community treaty rejected by the French National Assembly last month. Britain and the U.S. will attend the meetings as occupation powers in Germany. Canada will come as a nation "deeply concerned" because of her large military contingent in Germany within the Atlantic pact formation.

Mr. Eden laid the foundation for the conference during his lightning tour of European capitals last week and his talks with the American Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, in London on Friday.

A vast amount of preparation has still to be done. The biggest task is the reconciliation of the still widely differing British and French views on how to safeguard Europe from a possible rebirth of German nationalist militarism. This question is the key to the whole problem, diplomats say. Britain and the other interested powers have now received from Paris a full appreciation of the French position and the safeguards France is seeking.

British Cabinet Meeting

Sir Winston Churchill is to hold a series of critical meetings with his Ministers this week to decide how far Britain can go to meet French wishes for the closest possible British association with Europe.

Britain's plan, already endorsed by all the other interested nations except France, is to bring a rearmed West Germany into the Atlantic pact and a revised and expanded Brussels treaty organization. Most of the military safeguards on Germany would be imposed and supervised, on a basis of equality, by the Atlantic pact organization.

The French Prime Minister, M. Mendes-France, is understood to be reasonable to German membership of both alliances. But he wants the arms limitations imposed on Germany in a non-discriminatory way through the Brussels group. In addition he is asking Britain for a pledge to maintain enough troops on the continent to act with French forces as a counterweight to the German contingent.

While the nine-nation conference is in progress, the British, French and American Ministers will meet the West German Minister for separate meetings to thrash out the related problems of giving West Germany "early freedom from occupation." This is now generally accepted as being a priority issue.

France to Outline Own Plan Today

PARIS, Sunday.—Premier Pierre Mendes-France will announce his new plan tomorrow for bringing the Germans into Western defence—with strong "safeguards" —following the rejection of the European Army treaty.

The Premier disclosed in a speech today at Nevers, central France, that the proposals had already been handed over to the other eight nations, including Britain and the U.S., who are to meet in London on September 28 to discuss the problem of German rearmament.

He promised to give details tomorrow in a speech to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

In London tonight, a Foreign Office spokesman said the Mendes-France proposals left "plenty of room" for agreement at the forthcoming nine-nation conference.

(Reuter, UP)

E. Germans Renew Overtures to Bonn

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — The presidium of the East German Volkskammer has sent a new request to the West German Bundestag proposing a meeting between representatives of both bodies, the East German radio reported today.

A letter addressed to the President of the Bundestag, Gerhard Ehlers, said the collapse of the European Defence Community had opened "a new perspective" for the peaceful settlement of the German question. The proposed meeting, it added, should work out "a general standpoint to vital questions affecting the German people."

The British Labour Party delegation which visited East Germany, said today they found no sign of any military or aggressive outlook. They said they met Karl Franz Schmidt-Wittmack, West German Deputy who fled East last month, and held a "specially interesting discussion with him about the reunification of Germany."

Two of the delegates were Members of Parliament Frank Beswick and Captain Newitson.

"We have seen sufficient to convince ourselves that the picture usually presented in Britain of conditions in East Germany is a distorted one," the delegation declared in a statement.

"We believe the desire expressed by all people with whom we spoke for the reunification of Germany by negotiation, under conditions which include free elections, is genuine and capable of yielding results acceptable to countries in both the East and West.

The delegation met the Communist Prime Minister Herr Grotewohl.

East, West Germans Jailed for Spying

BERLIN, Sunday (UP). — The East German press said today five East Germans were sentenced to a total of 22 years imprisonment for spying for the U.S.

The West German Federal Court in Karlsruhe today convicted a chemist, Franz Hendgen, of spying for an East German espionage network and sentenced him to 27 months' imprisonment.

Visiting German Priests Were Anti-Nazis

The two West German priests now visiting Israel were not given any special visa, as reported yesterday, but are tourists, it is learned. Although there is no provision for tourism from Germany, facilities are normally granted to clergymen and persons in other special categories, whose anti-Nazi past is satisfactory.

Such persons include those who have been in concentration camps or who are active in societies like the West German-Israel Association to which the two priests in question belong. Such tourists usually come as members of parties comprising larger non-German groups.

ISRAELIS, CZECHS TIED IN CHESS

AMSTERDAM, Sunday (UP). — At the end of three games, Israel and Czechoslovakia were tied with 1½ points each in the Chess Olympics tournament here.

Messrs. Porat, Oren and Aloni of Israel drew in their games with Messrs. Techman, Philipp and Tichdel respectively. The fourth game, between Mr. Czerniak and Mr. Techman, was adjourned.

Israel remains in seventh place. The overall standings are: 1. USSR 16 points; 2. Argentina 15½; 3. Yugoslavia 14½; 4. Czechoslovakia 14; 5. Holland 13; 6. Hungary 12; 7. Israel 11½; 8. West Germany 10½; 9. Bulgaria 8; 10. England 7; 11. Iceland 5½, and 12. Sweden 4½.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Fifty national organizations in the U.S. yesterday urged the Government to ask the United Nations to call for a cease-fire in the battle in the Straits of Formosa.

Tito Backs Guarded German Rearming

OSTROZNO, Slovenia, Sunday.—President Tito today aligned Yugoslavia firmly behind the Atlantic pact powers, but urged that Germany must be given the chance to arm as an equal partner in a new European community in which old antagonism between members states will be removed.

Addressing an audience of more than 200,000 he said, "Those people are not right who want to keep Germany down. You cannot keep such a capable people chained up." Germany must be rearmed but not in a militaristic manner: she must be given equal rights so as not to make her a menace to others.

Raps West's Campaign

He condemned the West's growing anti-Communist campaign, saying, "We cannot agree with the propaganda being waged about Communism." He made a sweeping survey of international affairs and asserted "there is no direct danger of war."

Speaking at the 10th anniversary of the foundation of partisan formations in Slovene Styria, south of the Austrian frontier, President Tito pledged that Yugoslavia will "work with all our might" to lead East and West to the peaceful co-existence which he termed "the only solution for the world."

(UP, Reuter)

Assassins Kill Laos Defence Minister

SAIGON, Sunday (UP). — The Laotian Defence Minister, Kou Voravong, was assassinated last night at a dance in Vientiane by unidentified terrorists, it was announced here today.

The 39-year-old Minister was shot in the back through an open window after the assassins flung two grenades into the middle of the party at the home of Foreign Minister Phoui Sananikone, who was wounded in the attack.

In 1947, the Vietminh ambushed Voravong and left him for dead, but he managed to make his way to a village and was saved. He had been in successive governments for the last seven years, and was a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour.

Vietnam Army Chief Challenges Premier

SAIGON, Sunday. — Army Chief of Staff Gen. Nguyen Van Hinh, who has been defying Vietnam Government orders to go "on leave" for eight days, challenged the political leaders to a showdown at a press conference today by declaring "the sooner the crisis comes the better."

Tanks and half-tracks circled the General's villa as he announced that he would not leave Vietnam under any circumstances, and that if ex-Emperor Bao Dai refused to act, "we will take the necessary measures."

"All we have left is a choice between two solutions,' Gen. Hinh said bluntly, "to buy 300,000 plane tickets for the army or 15 for the Cabinet."

Cables Bao Dai

Gen. Hinh yesterday sent a telegram to Bao Dai, who is living on the French Riviera, urging him to intervene.

Perier Ngo Dinh Diem late tonight branded Gen. Hinh a "rebel" and for a third time ordered him to relinquish control of the army as a paralyzing crisis threatened to topple the Government.

Diem told a press conference, convoked to lash back at the General, that Hinh's telegram to Emperor Bao Dai, now in France was "an act of disobedience."

The Premier said he had made preparations to take action against Hinh if he persisted in his attitude. He charged that the General, "following the false advice of a few ambitious men, has tried to overthrow our national Government to satisfy his own designs." *(Reuter, UP).*

Flanders Says McCarthy's Tactics Ape Communists

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP). — Senator Ralph E. Flanders accused Senator Joseph R. McCarthy today of creating a new rule of "guilt by accusation" and said his tactics appear to parallel those of the Communists he is investigating.

In a series of sharp new charges filed with the Senate's special censure study committee, the Vermont Republican also asserted that Mr. McCarthy hired "questionable" staff investigators and was guilty of a "crass disregard for accuracy and security."

Senator Flanders' brief, the fifth in two days, was sent to Senator Arthur Watkins, chairman of the censure committee which resumes work tomorrow.

Persian Oil Accord Girdling Globe

TEHERAN, Sunday (Reuter). — The international oil consortium agreement signed by Persia this morning is now on its way round the world by specially chartered plane for signature by the eight companies concerned. Persian Finance Minister Dr. Ali Amini signed 12 copies of the 63-page document.

The agreement is expected to go before Parliament for ratification on Tuesday.

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Rio De Janeiro
One of 79 cities on the SAS route
Fly SAS

Social & Personal

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Sharett gave a tea on Saturday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Beri Locker, Professor and Mrs. Cecil Roth, Mr. and Mrs. David Resnick, Dr. and Mrs. Nachman Avigad, Mr. and Mrs. Yosef Aviram, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bar.

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Mr. M. Namir, the Secretary General of the Histadrut, is to visit Britain this month at the invitation of the Foreign Office.

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Miss Margaret Plunkett, adviser to the Labour Department of the UBOM, was yesterday given a farewell party at the Histadrut Executive building in Tel Aviv, to mark the completion of her tour of duty here.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. Ya'acov Ya-nai, of the Foreign Ministry Economic Division, returning from a visit to international trade fairs at Bari, Izmir, Salonica and Nicosia. (by LAI); Wing Commander Harold Martin, Air Attache to the British Embassy, returning from a short visit to Europe (by El Al); Mr. Emil Gelber, a representative of the Standard Oil Co. and a leading UJA contributor, to apply for an oil prospecting license on behalf of the company (by El Al).

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DEPARTURES: Professor A. Katchalsky, Scientific Director of the Weizmann Institute, for conferences on plastics, at Turin and Strasebourg; Dr. Y. Zoliff, head of OSE in Israel, on his way to Paris for talks with JDC officials on financial cooperation (by LAI).

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Mr. M. Tal, the General Manager of the General Tire & Rubber Co. (Israel) Ltd., has returned from a business trip to Turkey, Greece and Yugoslavia.

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The pianist Nina Aharonova, graduate of the New Jerusalem Conservatoire and Academy of Music, will give a recital in the YMCA hall at 8.30 p.m. today.

Israel, Arab Student Debate in US 'Fails'

SAN FRANCISCO, Sunday (Reuter). — Israel and Arab students argued yesterday in a debate sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Northern California here.

When it was over, the moderator, Dr. Herbert Einstein, said that "as a peace conference, this was a 100% failure."

NO GREENS IN AMMAN AS FARMERS STRIKE

The Jordan capital has been left without vegetables for the last two days as a result of a general strike of Jordan farmers who are protesting the high tax demanded by the Municipal Council of Amman on every box of vegetables brought into the municipal market, the Old City daily "A-Diffa" reported yesterday.

PESIA TAIBER BEING RETURNED FROM SWEDEN

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The body of Mrs. Pesia Taiber, former Tel Aviv Councillor, who died in Stockholm last week, will be brought here tomorrow. The body will lie in state in the Town Hall.

Where to go.

JERUSALEM

★ Concerts—
Fourth recorded concert in series sponsored by Jerusalem Municipality, Beit Hakerem Public Garden, 4 p.m.-6.30 p.m. Admission free.

★ Exhibitions—
"Photography in Israel" — exhibit of new acquisitions to the Art Library; Exhibit of the month: Samarkand earthenware bowl with inscription, 9-10th centuries. National Museum Bezalel, 9-1, 3-6 p.m.

"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition, 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

Department of Antiquities, Special exhibition: Excavations of a Canaanite Temple on the seashore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVIth centuries B.C.E.), 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1, 4-6 p.m.

Paintings by Regina Lichter and Gallery of Jerusalem Artists; Artists' House, 10-1 4-6.

★ Tours —
Hebrew University conducted tour, new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ Film Shows—
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11.30 a.m.

TEL AVIV

★ Dance recital—
Recital by American dancer, Batya Dolinkova, B.O.A. Garden, 8.30 p.m.

★ Lectures—
"Art in U.S.", Dr. Heinz Gaus. Opening remarks by Dr. E. L. Fry, of U.S. Embassy. Admission, 150 pr. and 500 pr., B.O.A. Auditorium, 8.30 p.m.

★ Entertainment—
After the show at "Lavrishen," Oriental Restaurant, 9 Allenby Rd. open till 2 a.m.

★ Theatre—
"Tribulation," Chamber Theatre, Mograbi, 8.30 p.m.

HAIFA

★ Exhibitions—
Paintings by Mane Katz—Municipal Museum of Modern Art — Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7 p.m.

SHEMARYA

★ Theatre—
"The Trouble Makers," Chamber Theatre, 8.30 p.m.

EIN HAROD

★ Theatre —
Habimah, "The Crucible," 8.30 p.m.

REHOVOT

★ Theatre—
Ha-Re-Mi, "Elva The Guards Colonel" Ben Yehuda.

ZIPHAH

★ Theatre—
Habimah, "The Golem," 8.30 p.m.

Kupat Holim Rebuts Ministry Charges

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Ministry of Health and not Kupat Holim, should be blamed for the lack of hospital wards in the Northern region, because the Government had undertaken to provide hospitalization there, the Kupat Holim management charged in a statement to *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. It was answering criticism by the Ministry of Health published last week.

Had Kupat Holim foreseen the "dismal failure" of Government plans for new hospitals in Galilee, they would have built their own institutions there, as they have done at Rehovot and Affula for surrounding districts, the Kupat Holim said. The Ministry's "grandiose plan" to save time by importing prefabricated hutments for hospitals in the North, has come to nothing. Some of the hutments remain unused, and the prefabricated hospital at Poria should not have been opened there at all, the statement declared.

During the past six years, it continued, Kupat Holim has constructed 100,000 square metres of hospital space, clinics and dispensaries — "certainly not an exaggerated amount, as the Health Ministry seems to imply." The Investment Fund absorbs not more than 7.4 per cent of the Kupat Holim budget, and, over the past two years, has made possible the construction of clinics in suburbs and rural immigrant centres. Since 1948, wards for over 1,000 additional hospital beds, and 450 clinics, have been built. Although the Ministry of Health itself devotes about 7.5 per cent of its total budget for a similar purpose, no permanent institutions have been created. "It is regrettable that nothing of lasting value has been achieved by the Ministry, whose property was inherited from Mandate times .... Kupat Holim inherited nothing from Mandatory institutions which automatically became the property of the Government. Every single building constructed by Kupat Holim has answered a crying need for hospital beds or dispensaries to take care both of the mass immigration and of the natural increase in population. Experience has already shown — and will show more clearly in the future — what an advantageous, important and timely investment was made."

Bulk from Fees

The Health Ministry had alleged that part of the IL.4.4m. debt incurred by Kupat Holim was due to the Sick Fund's excessive contribution to the Histadrut, in the form of a charge of IL.2m. for collection of members' fees. In fact, the Kupat Holim management stated, members' fees and employers' tax form the chief revenue of Kupat Holim, amounting to about IL.30m. last year, and the collection of these subscriptions does not cost more than 5.5 per cent of Sick Fund expenditure. "The participation of Kupat Holim, a Histadrut institution, in the maintenance expenses of the Histadrut Executive amounts to 0.5 per cent of its budget," the statement adds.

The Ministry of Health had no right to consider as an indirect Government contribution to Kupat Holim the IL.3.6m. paid by the Health Ministry for hospitalizing Kupat Holim members, who are charged a nominal rate of IL.3 per day, the spokesman said.

Patients who do not belong to the Sick Fund enjoy hospitalization at the expense of the State, or against very small payment. Kupat Holim through its contribution for patients actually underwrites one half of the total revenue of Government general hospitals, whereas Kupat Holim patients occupy 45 per cent of the beds there.

The Kupat Holim management alleged distortion of the figures making up the Government's share in the last Sick Fund budget. According to the Health Ministry, subsidies amounting to IL.15m. were channelled to the Sick Fund last year. In fact, the management claims that direct subsidies from the Health Ministry were no more than IL.1,812,000. WRh the Cabinet decision to grant an extra IL.1m. for the year 1954-55, the Government share in the Kupat Holim budget has been raised to IL.2.8m. — only 6.1 per cent of the total.

No Favours Received

"Government participation in Kupat Holim's budget is not given or accepted as a favour; to bear some of the burden of national medical services is the elementary duty of every State. During the years of mass immigration, Kupat Holim saved Israel's treasury many millions by extending medical aid to newcomers in all parts of the country. Were it not for the existence of Kupat Holim, this difficult and costly task would have fallen on the Ministry of Health... The fees of veteran Kupat Holim members were raised many times so that the masses of newcomers from poor and backward countries might receive medical aid. Is it not only just that some of this burden should be taken over by the State?" the statement asked. The total amounts received in five years from the Government are given in this table (in thousands of pounds):

Year	Gov't Grant	Total Budget	Percent
1950/51	600	7,627	8%
51/52	824	11,700	8.3
52/53	1,572	20,700	8.5
53/54	1,813	30,415	6
54/55	2,800	32,000	8.1

"The Minister of Health recently declared that he was not in favour of nationalized medicine. Although he was not specific on this point, we assume that the Minister implied the expansion of existing medical institutions with the help of the Government. The lengthy discussions which have been held with the Ministry regarding its participation in the Kupat Holim budget are in themselves evidences of the worthlessness of such declarations. Far from strengthening existing institutions everything possible is being done to limit their sphere of activities... There is unquestionably much room for improvement in public health institutions, but criticism ought to be based on correct facts and figures. It is to be regretted that the Ministry of Health did not observe this elementary rule," the Kupat Holim concluded.

CARE to Distribute 1,000 Holiday Parcels

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Nearly 1,000 food parcels will be distributed by CARE, the American welfare organization, free of charge to needy families throughout Israel for the coming holidays, the organization has announced here. Distribution will be carried out in cooperation with the Ministry for Social Welfare, the welfare departments of municipalities and CARE's member agencies.

Apart from CARE parcels sent to local residents by friends and relatives in the U.S., this new distribution brings the total of free food parcels distributed by CARE to needy Israel families since January 1954 to over 5,2000 with a total value of IL.117,000 and in CARE's five years of operation in Israel to IL.650,000.

Actors in Court

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Actors of the Habimah Theatre spent over three hours in the District Court here on Friday, following Court procedure. They studied the work of judges and counsel in order to give accuracy to the trial scenes in Habimah's forthcoming production of "The Caine Mutiny Trial." *(Film)*

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FIRST PROGRAMME

News, Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 9.15, 8.50 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 6.50 p.m.

8.05 a.m. Service. 8.35 Exercises. 8.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

12.00 N. Music at Noon. 12.30 Concert Hall: Overture "The Impresario" (Mozart); Concerto for two Pianos & Orchestra (Mendelssohn); Ballet Suite (Rieger). 1.30 Light Notes (R) 1.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Sports (Ha'aretz). 4.05 News for Scripture Reading. 4.45 Vocal Recital: Dorothea Levin. 5.15 Child's Corner. 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Opera (R). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 Youth Movements. 8.34 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answer to the Citizen. 9.05 Curtain Up. 9.30 Light Music (R). Chamber Music: Trio in F minor (Dvorak); B'Gan 29 by the Haifa Trio. 10.40 Notturno. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

49m. 220, 210, 48.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.15 p.m. French: News: 2.05 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS HOUR (32.5, 34.9 & 462 M.): 7.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. French: 7.30 p.m. Ladino: 8.00 p.m. Yiddish: 8.45 p.m.

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ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 224, 220 & 205 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Phantasy. 7.00 Requests. 7.30 Among the Flies. 8.00 Band Orchestra. 8.30 News. 8.45 Concert: Piano Concerto No. 1 (Mendelssohn); Symphony No. 2 (Schumann). 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.55, 34.92, 50.52 & 30.99 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. News: News Talk: Echoes from the world.

VOICE OF AMERICA: English Broadcasts: (16.9, 19.6, 31.6 M.): 5.00-5.30 p.m. Repeated at 10.30-11.00 p.m. on 25.6 & 31.3 M.

OBITUARY

Andre Derain

M. Andre Derain, who was knocked down by a motor car near his home at Chambourcy on July 10, died last week in hospital at Garches, outside Paris. He was 74.

In his early years, Derain was an artist of extraordinary promise. With Matisse, Marquet, Braque and others, he invented

Fauve painting and his work in this style — several of his Fauve landscapes were painted in London — was at least as distinguished as that of any of his contemporaries. It was not long before he abandoned the brilliant colouring and flat patterns of this movement and began to use subdued though often rich colours and to model in the round. Of all the painters of his time, he was the most obviously inspired by the old masters and during this period he produced a number of strong but extremely sensitive studies of heads and nudes painted directly from the model.

Up to about 1920, he would certainly have been considered among the four or five most eminent painters in France, but after that date he produced a number of works in which his remarkable facility seemed to get the better of him. He was a born painter, forceful, by no means intellectual, and perhaps rather uncritical; as a result, his work was uneven and his reputation today is not quite what it was in the past, though the best of his pictures are still very highly esteemed. He designed the scenery and costumes for Diaghilev's ballet 'La Boutique Fantasque' and in these there is a delightful vein of fantasy which also appears in a few of his earlier pictures.

The Butt is Now Blamed in Cancer Controversy

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — The "British Medical Journal" has revived the tobacco-cancer controversy by suggesting that the "tag-end" of a cigarette might be the danger spot.

The "Journal" said that its conclusions came from the difference in death rates from lung cancer in Britain and the United States. Persons in the United States smoke 20 per cent more than those in Britain, but have a death rate from cancer less than half the British.

The reason: in the U.S. where cigarettes are cheap (about half the British average price of three-shillings-and-six-pence or 50 cents) many smokers toss away half-smoked butts.

In Britain, they are smoked to "the bitter, bitter end."

ATTLEE. — A Qantas Super-Constellation airliner carrying Mr. Clement Attlee, British Labour Party leader, to the U.S., returned to Honolulu airport on Saturday night on three of its four engines, an hour and a half after it took off.

Cohen Wins World Bantamweight Title

BANGKOK, Sunday (Reuter). — Robert Cohen of France became the new bantamweight boxing champion of the world, when he gained a points victory over Chamern Songkitrat, a Thai police lieutenant, here tonight.

Cohen, who already held the European crown, and Songkitrat fought 15 rounds for the championship vacated at the resignation of Jimmy Carruthers of Australia last May, soon after defending his title in Bangkok against Songkitrat.

Manchester United Head League Table

Manchester United, despite being held to a one-all draw at home by Huddersfield Town on Saturday, took a great lead at the top of the First Division of the English Football League, as their nearest rivals lost.

Wolverhampton Wanderers were surprisingly beaten on their own pitch by Bolton Wanderers, 3-1, Blackpool went down by 2-0 at Sunderland, and Burnley lost 2-0 at home to West Bromwich, enabling the Albion to climb from fifth to second place in the table.

RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: DIV. 1: Aston V. 1, Charlton 3; Burnley 6, West Brom 2; Cardiff 1, Man. C. 0; Man. U. 1, Huddersfield 1; Preston N.E. 6, Arsenal 1; Sheff. U. 3, Sheff. W. 0; Sunderland 3, Blackp'l 2; Tottenham 1, Portsm'th 1; Wolves 1, Bolton 2. DIV. II: Brix. R. 2, Blackburn 1; Bury 3, Ipswich 1; Hull 1, Middlesbro' 0; Leeds 1, Notts. F. 1; Lincoln 1, Birm'gham 1; Liverpool 4, Fulham 2; Luton 2, Stoke 1; Notts. C. 7, Swansea 1; Plymouth 1, West Ham 1; Port V. 2, Derby 0; Rotherham 2, Doncaster 2. SCOTTISH LEAGUE: DIV. A: Celtic 2, Rangers 0; Dundee 0, Aberdeen 2; K. Pitz 3, Raith 1; Hibs. 2, Hearts 1; Motherwell 2, Qns.-of Sth. 1; Partick 3, Clyde 2; Stirl'g 1, Falkirk 1; St. Mirren 2, Kilmarnock 0. AMATEUR INT.: England 5, Ireland 0 (at Sathurst Park).

Three Swim Records

TOKYO, Sunday (UP). — Three world records were established in an outdoor pool by Waseda University swimmers last night, despite heavy rains that drove most of the spectators to shelter.

Jiro Nagasawa splashed his way to better his own world record in the 200m. butterfly with a new time of two minutes 21.6 seconds. In the 200 metre breaststroke, Mamoru Tanaka clocked two minutes 35.2, knocking two-tenths of a second off the previous record held by Masaru Furukawa.

Ketji Hase tied the Japanese record of two minutes 28.4 seconds in the 200m. backstroke. Wasadas's Hase, Tanaka, Nagasawa and Tani finished the 400 metre medley in four minutes, 17.2 bettering Hungary's earlier world mark of four minutes 18.1.

SOVIETS BREAK 'JUMP' RECORDS

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Soviet parachutists have created two new world records, according to Moscow Radio. In a precision jump from 1,500 metres, Braginsky, of Voroshilovgrad, landed 3.49 metres from the centre of a given circle.

Nine women of the Minsk Aeroclub, with parachutes opening at 10,519 metres, beat the Ukrainian-held record by nearly 2,000 metres, the radio said.

THE DAN bus service to the Tel Baruch bathing beach, near Tel Aviv, will cease tomorrow.

Turks Beat Petah Tikva

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Petah Tikva selected soccer team was beaten 2:0 today by the Turkish visiting team Besiktasi. Half-time score was 2:0. The match, the first of the season here with a visiting team, drew a crowd of 7,000 to the Ramat Gan stadium.

The local team displayed a good defence in the first half of the game but missed several openings for attack.

In the second half, they showed marked signs of fatigue while the visitors seemed as fresh as ever. Both goals were shot in by inside-right Rejec, the first in the fourth minute from a distance of 16 metres and the second in the 35th minute by a low kick from eight metres.

The Turkish team will play Hapoel selected at the Jaffa stadium on Wednesday.

ISRAEL IN BARI

"Israel Day" was held at the Bari International Fair last week with a reception at the Israel pavilion. Participating in the ceremonies were the Deputy Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Z. Sussayeff; the Israel Minister, Mr. E. Sasson; officials of the Italian Foreign Ministry and local authorities and the Mayor of Bari. The President of the Fair welcomed the guests and expressed his confidence in the strengthening of trade and friendly relations between Italy and Israel. Mr. Sasson stressed the value of the Italo-Israel trade agreement, which was signed some months ago, and said that it was urgent to implement this agreement.

PERMANENT FARM EXHIBIT MOOTED

The establishment of a permanent agricultural exhibition was discussed when the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. P. Naphtali, received the returning members of the Israel delegation to the Moscow agriculture exhibition in the Tel Aviv Kirya on Friday. The members of the delegation, the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Y. Efrati, Mr. S. Kinarti and Mr. A. A. Gitin, gave Mr. Naphtali a general survey of the Moscow exhibition and the achievements of Soviet agriculture.

It was decided that the proposed Israel exhibition would be attached to the Agriculture Research Station and would serve as a guide for Israel's farmers.

HOLON WANTS BETTER SERVICE FROM ESHED

HOLON, Sunday. — The local Municipality has asked the Eshed bus cooperative to keep to its time table, to despatch more buses during the afternoon rush hour, and to provide new roofs at stations or to repair the present ones.

Tokyo Workers Gain 'Right to Love'

TOKYO, Sunday (Reuter). — — Thousands of young workers at the great Omi Silk Mills have won the "right to love" and to marry, for which they had been on strike for three months.

About 13,500 girls at the mills alleged that the company had banned marriage and love affairs because of possible inefficiency and would not let them wear make-up. They also claimed that their letters were opened and that the company president exercised "feudal control" in the dormitories where they lived.

Explorers to Study Philistia

The 10th annual convention of the Israel Exploration Society, to be held in Ashkelon on October 13-16, will be devoted to the topic "Philistia and Judea."

The lectures will be delivered in two groups: archaeology and history, and geography and nature study. The President will speak on the Samarians in the coastal cities. Other lecturers include Professor B. Mazar (The Philistines); Professor N. Tur-Sinai (The Burden of Lachish); Dr. A. Malamet (The Kingdom of Ashkelon in the Biblical Period); Mr. Y. Kaplan (Ashdod); Mr. H. Tadmor (Assyrian Campaign Against Ashdod); Mr. Y. Aharoni (The Manners of the Philistines); T. Dothan (Philistine Pottery); Mr. M. Avi-Yonah (Coastal Cities in the Roman Period); Mr. Y. Braslavsky (Jewish Communities on the Plains During the Middle Ages); Dr. H. Wershuvsky (Natan Ha'azati); Dr. H. Z. Hershberg (The High and Low Periods in the History of the Lowlands); Dr. A. Biran (New Philistine Names); Mr. Y. Vitz (The new Settlement in the South).

The following lectures will be heard in the second group: Professor M. Avnimelekh (The Geology of the Philistine Coast); Dr. Y. Shattner (The Morphology of the Coast); Mr. Y. Karmon (Geopolitical Influences on the Coastal Settlements); Professor D. Eshbal (Philistia as a Shelter for Israelites in Periods of Scarcity); Mr. Y. Oren (Israel's Sea); Mr. S. Blass (The Water Programme for the South).

Three trips will be taken, directed by Dr. Z. Vilnai and others. The first trip will include Beit Guvrin, Maresha, Lachish, Metsudat Yosv. The second includes Ashdod, Yuval Gad, Yavneh, Yavneh Yam, Nahal Lachish and Negba, while the third will include a tour of new and old Ashkelon.

The convention's end will be marked with a festive gathering sponsored by the Ashkelon District Council.

Details concerning participation in the convention may be had by applying to the Society's Secretariat in Jerusalem, 11 Rehov King George, P.O.B. 7010, phone 62591.

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To the attention of owners of premises used for entertainment

The attention of all concerned is directed hereby to the fact that in Sefer Hahukim No. 186 of September 17, 1954 there appears a law amending the Stamp Duty Ordinance.

In paragraph 74(5) (b) there appears an amendment according to which petitions for exemption from Stamp Duty must be accompanied by a schedule of income and expenditures; the income to the charitable institution must be at least twice the amount of the income by the entertainment arranged by the charitable institution.

In a case where an entertainment has been arranged that did not net the charitable institution an amount as specified above, the charitable institution will be charged with having transgressed the Stamp Duty Ordinance.

Charitable institutions must therefore see to it that the entertainment for which they request the exemption from the Stamp Duty Ordinance justify its existence.

Dr. M. LANDAU
Stamp Duty Administrator
Ministry of Finance.

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In accordance with the amendment to paragraph 74(7), any person letting premises customarily used for public entertainment purposes, must ascertain at the time of the lease whether the premises are to be used for public entertainment and if they are so to be used, the landlord must, notify the Stamp Duty Authorities in writing at one of the addresses listed below, within three days of the signing of the lease. Failure to do so will result in the imposition of a IL.100 fine.

The term "letting" denotes the permission to use the premises either with or without remuneration.

The following are the addresses of Stamp Duty authorities:
TEL AVIV: 27 Rehov Ahad Ha'am
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JERUSALEM: Schmidt College, Rehov Bezalel
BEERSHEBA: Deputy Treasurer of Beersheba
NAZARETH: Mr. Monson, District Commissioner, Ministry of Finance
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In accordance with the above, I direct the attention of owners of entertainment facilities to the regulation that no person may be admitted to any public entertainment on a ticket not affixed with tax stamps as required by law.

To the attention of organizers of social functions on behalf of charitable institutions

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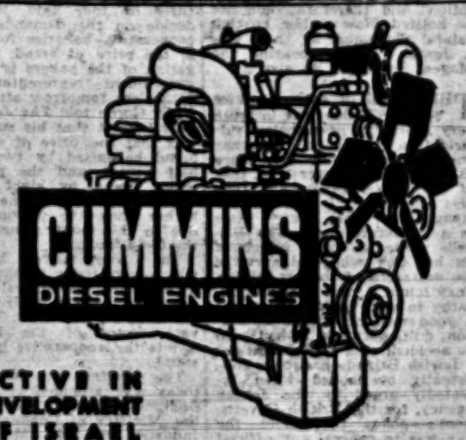

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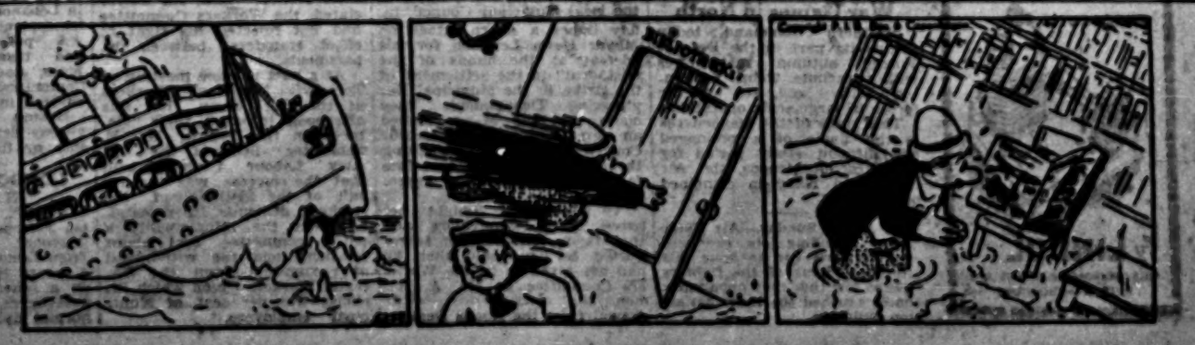

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

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CONSTRUCTION OF Kfar Yeshayahu's first school started yesterday. The Eastern Negev village has 120 children of school and pre-school age. Building costs will be borne by the Ministries of Education and of Development.

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THE SS ATZMA, which was due this afternoon, will arrive tomorrow morning instead, with 348 passengers, including 12 immigrants. The ss Messapia is also due tomorrow with 150 passengers.

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A WOMAN took her two children, aged five and 11, and left her husband's home at Kfar Azur, near Tel Aviv, on Friday, after a domestic quarrel. She is being sought by the police.

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THE PRELIMINARY investigation of Shaul Nehemia, Avraham Biton and Mordechai Gozlan, accused of the premeditated murder of Samuel Benzion in Jerusalem on August 20 and with an attempt to kill his son-in-law, Mr. Gideon Rymar, has been postponed, probably until October 11.

Little Texas In Zikhron

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ZIKHRON YA'ACOV, Sunday. — The area around the granary in Zikhron, which for many years has witnessed nothing but agricultural pursuit, has already assumed an entirely different appearance as preparations are being hastily concluded for the oil drilling operations scheduled to begin there on Tuesday. The noise of heavy engines and powerful drills will now be heard in the usually quiet area.

Ever since engineers of the Israel Continental Company visited the site, and following geological examinations and drill tests, the land around the granary has been found most favourable for drilling purposes.

Land which had once been spread with grain is now covered with large quantities of equipment including bores, pressure drills and fuel containers.

The site, which is several dunams in area, is fenced off, with signs reading "Entry forbidden" all around the grounds. In place of farmers, the people now seen around the area are tall Texans, clad in coloured shirts and wearing ten-gallon hats.

ACCUSED OF SMUGGLING

HAIFA, Sunday. — The IL.500,000 smuggling attempt discovered by the police several months ago, came before the District Court here today. The charges are directed against eight men, including three Customs officials, Moshe Teichman, Alexander Fuchs, and Victor Fulmwasa, and two Haifa businessmen, Noah Sabag and Shimon Berger. The other accused are Erich Katzner, a customs agent, Emil Edekus and Nathan Goldman, formerly Deputy Controller of Foreign Exchange in Haifa.

GOV'T YEARBOOK OUT

The contents of the Sixth Israel Yearbook (5715), which is to appear today, were surveyed over Kol Yisrael last night by the book's editor, Mr. Reuben Alcalai. The yearbook surveys Government and Knesset activities. It also reports on industrial and agricultural progress and explains various new laws.

The 350-page work costs IL.2.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM: Oil: 400 gms.; Meat 10, jamp. 1. Local Butter: for children with Aleph cards, 100 gms. Mem Aleph 62, and for invalids with Med. Assn. cards.

HAIFA AND SHOMRON: Chocolate for Diabetics: 4 bars. Tea: 50 gms. Kaf 8, Lamed 5.

Kastner Served His People—Cohen

By MACABEE KASKIN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

During those terrible days in Budapest in 1944, facing an inhuman beast of prey without a trace of sympathy, all those active in rescue work transcended their mundane characteristics and rose to gigantic heights of achievement. Among those was Dr. Israel Kastner, who was motivated by only one thing: "service to his people." It is a shame that ten years afterwards, "blind hatred" has brought him to his present situation. Perhaps mistakes were made in Hungary. But who here, in the safety of Israel, can judge the actions of those who lived with death?

This was the theme running clearly through the summation yesterday of Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General, in the Greenwald libel trial before Dr. Benjamin Halevi, President of the Jerusalem District Court.

Malkiel Greenwald is on trial for having libelled Dr. Kastner by writing in a newsletter that he collaborated with the Nazis. He is defended by Mr. Shmuel Tamir. Mr. Cohen finished his summation yesterday. Although he was slightly hoarse by the 2.30 p.m. recess, he asked, and received, permission from Judge Halevi to continue and to finish his case.

Haim Cohen

At 4 p.m. he resumed his speech again. It was clear and sparkling with references to Jewish law.

In his opening remarks, the Attorney General said that the defendant had charged Dr. Kastner with one of the most dastardly crimes punishable in Israel: collaboration. The State, which recoiled from imposing the death sentence even on perpetrators of major criminal offences, saw death as the only fit punishment for working with the Nazis. If Greenwald's accusation was not true — and it was not true, he stressed — then his crime could not be expiated.

The truth of the charges against Dr. Kastner must be as clearly proved by defence counsel as if the State itself was bringing Dr. Kastner to trial for war crimes. So far, Mr. Cohen continued, the Court has heard only circumstantial evidence. The testimony of Mr. Moshe Krause, former head of the Palestine office in Budapest, was based on opinions which betrayed his bias, he claimed.

Mr. Cohen divided the charges against Dr. Kastner into ten main points which he said he would disprove one by one. He claimed that the other charges laid against Dr. Kastner were irrelevant.

The first charge was that Dr. Kastner had worked with the Nazis in support of their evil ends. No one, the Attorney General said, not even Mr. Krause, had said that Dr. Kastner's first contacts with the Nazis were not for the benefit of the Jews. When then, if ever, did his actions become those of a quisling? Never, Mr. Cohen said, adding that Dr. Kastner never budged one iota from his rescue work. The Bergen Belsen rescue train proved that he was succeeding, not the opposite, as Mr. Krause had charged. Was it right to save a small group while the majority faced deportation? Yes, since at least he was saving some. If the train had not left, its passengers would have gone to their death without anyone being any better off.

Stayed to Fight

Dr. Kastner could have abandoned his work and escaped to the underground, or even abroad. If he had been killed, no one would besmirch his name. But he stayed to fight for his people, thus leaving himself open to vile attacks.

The second charge, that Dr. Kastner had played cards with the Nazis and was an intimate of theirs, only made him worthy of the profoundest pity, for it showed to what limits he had prostrated himself to continue his negotiations.

The Court has not heard one word to prove that Dr. Kastner, directly or indirectly, was involved in the failure to warn the Cluj ghetto, the third accusation, Mr. Cohen continued. It has been proved only that he came twice to Cluj, not that he did not warn the ghetto heads. Rach Judenrat tried to calm its people. They thought, perhaps wrongly, that they should quiet them, not awaken them to action. We cannot judge this decision.

True, Dr. Kastner favoured residents of this ghetto above all others, since 388 persons, among them his father-in-law, relatives and friends, boarded the Bergen Belsen train. "He could not have called himself a man if he did otherwise," Mr. Cohen said, adding that every one acts to save his loved ones first. He who denies this is a hypocrite.

"Born of Hope"

As for the Kenyermezo rumour — that the ghetto inhabitants were being taken to a work camp and not to their death in Auschwitz — no one has proved that Dr. Kastner had a hand in spreading it. The rumour was born of the spirit of hope which pulsated in the hearts of the doomed, in the need to grasp at anything that gave the appearance of salvation.

It is not true, as Mr. Tamir said, that this rumour was spread deliberately to stop an unborn revolt. A revolt? Against whom? They had no arms to revolt with, no legs to flee with. They were without spirit. Rumania was no Garden of Eden which welcomed them with outstretched hands. Dr. Kastner had aided in sending as many "hikes" (escape parties) as possible to the border when he could.

Not one speck of evidence has been presented to substantiate the fourth charge, that Dr. Kastner, or anyone connected with the Jewish Agency, handed Mr. Yoel Brandt over to the British in Aleppo and thus spiked his mission. Mr. Brandt himself denied this. The charge was made by the defence only to besmirch and vilify the name of the Jewish Agency for political purposes.

Quoting from "Davar" headlines, Mr. Cohen went on to say that Mr. Moshe Sharett, then head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency, had treated Mr. Brandt's mission with the utmost seriousness and had set out by air for London to bring it to the attention of the late Chaim Weizmann. But the British and the Americans viewed the plan as a crude attempt at extortion. This caused its failure. Could anyone believe that the accursed Eichmann would keep his word?

"Davar" Quoted

Mr. Cohen quickly disposed of the fifth charge, that Dr. Kastner had not warned the outside world and that the Yishuv had played down news of the extermination, by again quoting "Davar" headlines in issues as early as January, 1943. This was before the Nazis overran Hungary. In the month that they did, March, 1944, "Davar" reported that 3.5 million Jews had already been killed.

The sixth accusation, that Dr. Kastner did not do all in his power to save the parachutists, Hannah Senesh and Peretz Goldstein, or that he enticed the third one, Yoel Palgi, to report to the Gestapo, had not been supported by any local witness. As for the contradictions between Mr. Palgi's testimony and his book, "The Great Wind Comes," the former must be accepted. Moreover, with one exception, these contradictions were irrelevant. Mr. Palgi's testimony had been important in answering one question: Who enticed him to report to the Gestapo? Even if we assume that Dr. Kastner did this, does this prove that he was a traitor? No! It only proved that he was a human being subject to human frailties.

Mr. Palgi had been subjected to a cross examination which would have been cruel even for a murderer, and this by an Israel advocate enjoying the immunity of the law. The pure motives and spirit of self-sacrifice which the parachutist sent blazing forth to cast a noble glow on the Yishuv has been smeared in this court. It should be reinstated by this court.

Admitted by Kastner

The seventh point, that Dr. Kastner had travelled freely in Germany and Europe, had been admitted by Dr. Kastner himself as being necessary to his work, Mr. Cohen said.

Turning to the eighth point, that Dr. Kastner had testified for Kurt Becher, a leading Nazi, the Attorney General said that Dr. Kastner's actions were dictated by his conscience which told him that Becher had endangered his own life for the Jews. Dr. Kastner believed this today. If Dr. Kastner had signed documents for the Jewish Agency and the World Jewish Congress, his explanation, that he received oral authorization, should be accepted. Even if Mr. E. Dobkin, of the Jewish Agency Executive, had denied this, why had not defence counsel called on Mr. Haim Barlass, of the Agency, whom Dr. Kastner said gave his oral permission? At any rate, Dr. Kastner represented these two bodies in his negotiations, why should he assume that this right had been taken from him after the war?

The ninth charge, that Becher gave Dr. Kastner part of the Bergen Belsen loot, was dismissed by Mr. Cohen as being unsubstantiated.

As for the final accusation, that Dr. Kastner had hindered the rescue work of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. and Canada, Mr. Cohen said that this charge existed only in Mr. Krause's imagination.

The prosecution rested shortly after 7 p.m.

Mr. Tamir then asked that the next hearing be postponed until Wednesday so that he could prepare his summation.

Judge Halevi agreed, but pointed out that the summation must end this week, even if this entailed more afternoon sessions.

Deputy Mayor Tried For Breach of Trust

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Ramat Gan's Deputy Mayor, Yona Hytan, was today brought before District Court Judge M. Kennet, charged with "a breach of confidence causing public harm."

According to the prosecution, the accused released without authorization a IL.25,000 bank guarantee deposited in favour of the Municipality by Mr. Shlomo Blizovski, a contractor employed by the Municipality. A few days later Hytan received a IL.6,000 cheque from Mr. Blizovski. The prosecution claims that the two facts are related.

In November, 1949, when the Municipality decided to build a 400-apartment housing quarter for Ramat Gan veterans, tenders were invited and Mr. Shimon Diskin was supposed to have received the contract. It was, however, offered to Mr. Blizovski who had not submitted a tender, and it was agreed that he was to receive IL.25,000 from the Municipality and that he should supply a bank guarantee for that amount.

Mr. Blizovski produced a bank guarantee for IL.18,000, while receiving the entire IL.25,000 from the Municipality. A year later, it was realised that he would not fulfil the contract.

The case was referred to arbitration and an agreement was reached. The housing quarter was finally completed by Rassco.

Release Requested

Meanwhile, on May 13, 1951, Mr. Blizovski applied to the accused asking for the release of the bank guarantee. According to the prosecution, the accused instructed Mr. Haim Bash, Administrative Director of the Municipality, to carry out the release. He did so only upon the receipt of written instructions from the accused.

Mr. Bash's flat was broken into soon afterwards, presumably to find the instructions, but he had taken precaution to photograph the documents. The prosecution also stated that there were regular business transactions between the accused and Mr. Blizovski outside the scope of Municipal jobs.

Mr. Bash testified today that when he returned the guarantee to Mr. Blizovski, expressing surprise at the proceedings, the latter said: "You are a fool, you will never get away from this table, I owe Eytan IL.10,000 and after the payment I will have IL.15,000." The witness also said that he had later been dismissed from the Municipality, receiving an unusually long paid leave.

LAUNDRY SOAP COSTS MORE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Housewives who have been buying laundry-soap cheaper than the official maximum price will be denied the privilege in future following the decision of the Shemen and Yitzhar companies to abolish their bonus of a dozen bars for every 100 supplied to the retailer, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

From now on, they will have to pay the full price of 275 pruta per bar.

It is believed that the bonus was introduced as an alternative to a price reduction when another firm began to market a less expensive soap.

Tax Assessment C'ttees Being Set Up

By Our Economic Editor

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A panel of public assessment committees for income tax will be published within two months and will presumably start working at the beginning of the next financial year, Dr. T. Brosh, Acting Income Tax Commissioner, told reporters here today.

By the end of next March, a complete list of all self-employed taxpayers will be published showing the sums each was assessed for the year 1953/54. The publication of a similar list for wage-earners has been postponed for the time being.

Income tax revenue for the first five months of the current financial year topped IL.41m., of which 42 per cent were collected from wage earners. Their share may show a further drop as collections from self-employed are improved.

There is definitely some improvement noticeable in "Taxmeral," Dr. Brosh said, but the general standard is still very low and tax declarations evasive. It is utterly false to assume that only the self-employed are guilty of evasion, he stressed. The tax administration, however, is improving. Mechanical accounting will start in a couple of weeks, and reliable statistics will thus be made possible. By the end of 1955/56, arrears of assessments from previous years will be calculated and work will proceed on an up-to-date basis.

The total number of taxpayers included in the files increased to 400,000 and, as a matter of fact, it is appreciably more, for members of communal settlements are not filed individually. This puts a heavy burden on the tax administration, for in Israel practically every tax declaration is checked and scrutinised, while in Britain this is done only to a 15-20 per cent sample and in the U.S. to one of three per cent.

Jerusalem Getting 4 New Transformers

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Four new transformers are being built in Jerusalem and new lines are being strung, as part of measures which are being taken to improve the Capital's electricity supply, Mr. A. Singer, Manager of the Jerusalem Electric and Public Service Corporation, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Some of the improvements should be noticeable by this Wednesday, Mr. Singer added. By winter, matters should have improved appreciably, though the Corporation is hampered financially in its efforts to ensure a completely satisfactory supply to all quarters of the city. The system was designed for a population half the size of that of the present. New lines and additional transformers in each quarter would greatly reduce the voltage loss which makes itself felt as soon as consumption rises. On Thursday nights, when the bakeries concentrated in the Geula, Keren Avraham and Bokharian quarters are using electricity for baking *kalot*, the voltage drop plunges private houses into semi-darkness and puts electric appliances out of commission. The residents of the Rehavia quarter suffer a similar dim-out on Friday evenings, ascribed to the electricity consumption of bath-water heaters and cookers.

Electricians enjoy a steady income from repairing equipment damaged by the fluctuating current. An electrician told *The Post* that he is frequently asked to repair refrigerators burned out as a result of the inadequate supply of current during peak consumption periods. Refrigerators which need 220 volts sometimes only get a 160-volt supply, he said. The motor stops and when it restarts there is not enough power to turn over properly so that it gets overheated and burns out. Repairs are a costly business for the householder and the pill is not sweetened by the fact that the Corporation is more responsible for the damage than he is.

Baby of Squatters Falls Ill

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — A month-old baby, one of the seven members of a family squatting outside the Jewish Agency offices here for the third night in succession, became ill tonight and was given attention at the Government Hospital in Jaffa after the Municipal Hospital refused to accept him, on the grounds that it could attend only to local residents.

The baby was fed in the hospital when it was found that the mother was unable to feed it.

The demonstrators, immigrants from India, are demanding their *tzudot* olim (immigration cards) which were taken from them by Agency personnel, and the transfer of their belongings from Kfar Vereharim, where they are unwilling to live.

Young Boy Sent To Prison

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—A 15-year-old boy was today given six months in a regular prison. The Juvenile Court judge, Mr. David Reifen, before passing sentence, said he regretted that there was no special prison for young offenders.

The boy, convicted many times for thefts, should be kept in a "closed institution" where he could be helped. Since he always escapes from "open institutions", Judge Reifen said he had no choice but to have him confined with adults.

S. Africans Prepare New Suburb

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — "Savion," a new suburban quarter for persons of "average means," will have its first dozen houses ready in spring, Mr. Jacob Geri, managing director of Africa-Palestine Investments, Ltd. told correspondents who visited the area today. The "satellite village," as the sponsors call it, is situated on a hill between Tel Litvinsky and Kfar Ono, a 20-minute drive from here. It is intended primarily for immigrants from South Africa, but local residents who would like to join the "village" will be welcome, Mr. Geri said. A five dunam plot, leased from the Jewish National Fund, is to cost IL.7,000, and the house — only two-storey cottages for a single family will be allowed — may cost anything between IL.12,000 to IL.26,000, the company's real estate manager, Mr. S. Hose, estimated.

Juncus Graduates from Laboratory

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The planting of half-a-million juncus seedlings began near Eilat yesterday, as a transition stage from experimental to commercial cultivation for supplying the local paper industry with raw material.

The Minister of Development told *The Jerusalem Post* that two trial nurseries had been set up, a small one at Ein Radian, near Eilat, and another, larger, one in the North. The Negev nursery succeeded well, and all future seedlings will be raised there. This present plantation draws its juncus seedlings from the northern nursery, where they are transported in batches by plane to prevent withering.

By the middle of next month, all the young juncus must be replanted, entailing a double shift of work to beat the autumnal weather. Due to the shortage of workers in Eilat, the Ministry of Development has recruited 20 volunteers from Mikve Yisrael and Jerusalem, to supplement the 10 local labourers. Every one of the 80 dunams taken, 10,000 plants; the whole operation will take 1,000 work-days.

Although the perennial juncus grows wild in areas of the arid Negev, the cultivated variety would yield between 20 and 25 tons per dunam with irrigation. A well giving 60 cubic metres an hour has been drilled at Ein Radian, and pipes have been laid. A reservoir with a capacity of 700 cu.m. has been built. To maintain the plantation, seven Eilat workers will be employed permanently.

Next spring, if this crop does well, plans provide for planting several hundred dunams with juncus. For two years, the Jerusalem Research Laboratory for Fibres and Forest Products has conducted experiments on juncus as a material for papermaking.

Young Argentinians Want to Face Gaza

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Some young pioneers from abroad have faced the settlement authorities with a rather unusual stipulation: that their village be set up opposite the Gaza Strip. The men and women are from Argentina and are the descendants of farmers who settled in Baron Hirsch's colonies in that country.

These *halutzim* came up to Jerusalem yesterday to take part in a jamboree of the Noar Hatzioni (attached to the Progressive Party) which began last night at the Israel Goldstein Youth Village in the Katamon Quarter of the Capital. The 1,000 participants, from towns and villages, from Nahal and scout units all over the country, as well as from abroad, will march through Jerusalem today on a pilgrimage to Mt. Herzl.

The young visitors to the Capital were met at the railway station yesterday by the District Representative, Dr. A. Biran, Mayor Y. Kariv, and Dr. W. Abeles, Chairman of the local branch of the Progressive Party.

Obscure Mexican Sect Writes to Jerusalem

An obscure non-Jewish sect in Mexico has submitted a request to the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency to aid them in immigrating to Israel, Mr. S.Z. Shragai, Head of the Department, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The group, consisting of about 400 to 500 persons, wishes to follow a tradition passed on by their ancestors to convert to Judaism and immigrate to Israel when an independent state is established there.

The sect does not practice circumcision, but keeps the Sabbath and observes Yom Kippur.

The Immigration Department is considering the matter.

DAN JUSTIFIES DOCK PURCHASE

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — Mr. Hillel Dan, Director of the Shilumim Corporation, returned today by El Al from a two-week visit to Switzerland and West Germany. Last week he attended the Geneva conference of heads of the Shilumim Corporation and the Israel Purchasing Mission in West Germany at which the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, and his Director General, Mr. P. Saptr, also took part. The meeting discussed "current and special problems," Mr. Dan said, but he would not reveal the scope or subject of the conversations.

Mr. Dan said that no reply had yet been received from the West German Government to Israel's request for a loan on account of future Reparation payments.

The siting in Haifa harbour of the floating dock purchased with Reparation funds and now on its way to Israel was only a temporary expedient, for about a year, Mr. Dan said, explaining that an order such as this could not wait three years for suitable arrangements to be made.

Research Council Gets New Home

The Israel Research Council set up new headquarters yesterday in the Schneller Compound, northwest Jerusalem.

The new research centre, which occupies an area of approximately 2,500 square metres, will concentrate the various laboratories of the Research Council and the Dead Sea Works. It comprises the central laboratories of the Dead Sea Works, the Analysis and Mineralogy Laboratory of the Institute of Geology of the Ministry of Development and the laboratory of Pituah Ltd., which concerns itself with the development of diamond production.

The work of the Research Council is mainly the development of industrial processes for utilizing the country's natural resources, Dr. Moshe Ne'eman, Assistant Director of the Research Council stated. Research projects in progress include the production of mixed phosphate and alkali fertilizers, insecticides, and medicines, and the extraction of Dead Sea minerals.

Future additions to the Research Centre include the transferring there of the seismological station from the General Building and the setting up of a scientific photography laboratory.

W. Germany Permits Transfer of Funds

FRANKFURT, Sunday (INA). — Jews residing abroad may now transfer from Germany all money due them under an agreement with the West German Government, providing such sums are not sent to countries in the dollar bloc.

There is no limit set to the amount of money which can be transferred without license, and which includes profits, surplus accounts, and proceeds of sale of houses and property. The new ruling includes blocked accounts and deposits which had been taken over from the original owners.

The new move resulted from the cancellation of the "blocked mark" after 25 years and from the West German government's accumulation in recent years of a total of 2,500m. in foreign currency surpluses and gold.

Cables in Brief

TRADE. — A four-member Chinese delegation arrived in New Delhi yesterday to conclude a trade agreement with India.

RECAPTURED. — Kenya security forces yesterday recaptured 78 of the 200 short-term prisoners released from Lukunia prison by Mau Mau terrorists on Friday night.

REPARATIONS. — The newspaper "Tokyo Shimbun" said yesterday that a reparations agreement between Japan and Burma will be initialled on September 27 by Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki and U Kyaw Nyein, leader of a Burmese goodwill mission now in the Japanese capital.

THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

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A Memorial Meeting for the late Rabbi Dr. Samuel Bension will take place at 6 p.m. this evening, September 20, 1954, at the Abdut Israel Synagogue (Sephardic Orphanage), Jaffa Road, Jerusalem.

The Memorial Service for Dr. Meinhold Nussbaum the late President of our Organization will take place on Thursday, September 23, 1954, at Kiryat Shaul at 4 p.m.
Special buses will leave 16 Rehov Rambam, Tel Aviv, at 3.30 p.m.
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To every Israel citizen,

Thousands of our brethren, fellow-citizens, still do not know the language of the State and of our nation. We are surrounded by a conglomeration of languages and cultures. This situation is harmful to our spiritual strength and weakens the power and resources of our nation.

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MINISTRY OF LABOUR

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The Department of Professional Training of the Ministry of Labour announces that registration of adults has opened for professional training courses in the theory and practical application of the following subjects:

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Radio	Room Service
Electricity — including electromechanics and winding	Cooking
	Communications

Prospective participants in these courses should register at the following locations:

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BEERSHEBA: Beit Hahistadrut, Sun., Mon., Wed., Thurs., 5-7 p.m.
MIGDAL ASHKELON: Beit Hahistadrut, every day except Friday, 9-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m.
TEL AVIV: Beit Bronner, Room 38, every day except Friday, 5-7 p.m.
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THE dangerous duelling that has been in progress across the Strait of Formosa for more than two weeks, on Friday suddenly shifted to the vicinity of Tachen island, extending the area of sporadic hostilities along the China coast by some 300 kilometres. There appears to be no good reason to doubt that if the situation continues to deteriorate, the clashes will occur at shorter intervals, involving progressively larger forces over more extensive territory. Speaking bluntly the world is faced with the very real threat that the fingers which so deftly manipulate the puppets may get burnt, and be inclined to forsake the wires they have been pulling for more formidable tools.

THREAT OF FORMOSA

In more ways than one the situation is ripe for intervention by the United Nations, whose General Assembly is to convene tomorrow, for if the hit-and-run exchanges of fire are not in themselves serious, they have emphasized with renewed force the urgency for international clarification of the Chinese question. For nearly five years the Peking Government has been proclaiming its intention of "liberating" Formosa, and across a troubled stretch of water 200 kilometres away the Nationalist regime has kept calling for an invasion of the mainland. The wars in Korea and Indo-China, General Chiang Kai-shek's weakness, and the American Seventh Fleet have so far combined to prevent the brewing crisis from coming to a head. Today most of these restraints do not apply. Chinese armies and arms, no longer committed to waging or supporting large-scale hostilities, are turning on Formosa, where General Chiang his military potential considerably enhanced, is squatting complacently — a chip on the American Navy's shoulder.

The question that call- for immediate clarification is not whether the United States is entitled to consider Formosa as a legitimate sector of its first line of defence, or to recognize the Formosa regime as the legitimate government of China — for both these may be regarded as America's own affair. What seems particularly urgent today is a serious discussion on whether the measures that are now being taken in the name of peace and security in that area are likely to serve these noble aims, to which all nations — big and small — should be dedicated in equal part. The presence of a mighty American fleet in the region could perhaps indefinitely discourage the Chinese armed forces from their avowed purpose of occupying Formosa, but would it indefinitely prevent the growing Nationalist air force and navy from testing its shiny new claws on the mainland? Is it to be expected that the Chinese armies would then refrain from retaliation? All indications point away from the likelihood of such restraint. It is just as unlikely, however, that American policy is based on any such expectation. The fact that the Korean Armistice has remained intact for more than a year is, after all in large measure due to American firmness in restraining the belligerent South Korean President, Mr. Syngman Rhee.

The explosive Chinese question is not likely to be brought before the United Nations by the Formosa Government, which seems to feel sufficiently secure in the trusteeship of the U.S. Seventh Fleet; nor does the Peking Government, which is not a member of the U.N., appear inclined to invite the mediation of a world organization which has refused to consider its admission. Yet the only alternative to intervention by the United Nations at this time seems to be the prolongation of a highly brittle *status quo* which is under constant threat of being shattered, and then it may require more of the King's horses and men than can put the pieces together again.

INCLUDE US IN DAN PLAN, HOLON ASKS

HOLON, Sunday. — This town wants to be included in the Dan Region sewage plan. A letter to this effect has been sent to Mr. S. Sheshani, chairman of the regional sewage board, it is learned here today.

The plan for the region excludes both Holon and Bat Yam on the assumption that a cheap, separate sewage system can easily be provided there.

Senator Knowland's Significance

Majority Leader's Speeches Reflect Bloc of Opinion

From a Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (OFNS). — PRESIDENT Eisenhower's cold, almost off-hand treatment of Senator Knowland's latest suggestions for the conduct of foreign policy may help to put that gentleman's position and influence somewhat more in perspective. But it remains one of the more difficult problems of reporting from Washington to convey accurately the degree of importance to be attached to Senator Knowland's views.

Senator McCarthy's views on foreign policy carry little weight, despite the notoriety that he has acquired in other directions. But Senator Knowland is another matter. He does, after all, carry the title of Senate majority leader. When, as at present, the President's political Party also controls the Legislature, it is the majority leader's task to pilot through as much as possible of the President's legislative programme. So that although Senator Knowland's position is influential, his official duties are far more concerned with domestic than with foreign affairs (except when a treaty needs to be ratified, or the foreign aid Bills are up for debate.

Mr. Knowland was the personal choice of the late Mr. Robert Taft for this post — a choice made when Mr. Taft knew that he was dying. Mr. Knowland is a Californian in his middle forties, and Mr. Taft is believed to have chosen him largely because he felt that he would be able to hold together the Eastern and more liberal wing of the Republican Party and its Mid-West wing, generally very conservative.

On the whole, Mr. Knowland does not seem to have done this job badly. In the last session of Congress a fair proportion of the President's programme was enacted, and tolerable working relations were maintained both with the different sections of the Republican Party and with the Democratic leadership — a most important consideration, since the Democrats hold half the seats in the last Senate. But Senator Knowland's detractors claim that he is an obstinate, clumsy, bull-headed man. They say that his apparent success is more due to the exceptionally cooperative attitude that the Democratic minority leader, Senator Lyndon Johnson, adopted for his own reasons, than to any merit of Mr. Knowland's.

As a member of the Senate, Mr. Knowland is entitled to express his personal views; but when he speaks on foreign affairs in his capacity as majority leader, there is no denying that his words carry more weight than those of an ordinary Senator. When he switches from his official to his personal capacity and back again, American as well as foreign opinion is confused. Although in acting thus Senator Knowland is within his rights, some Senators and many people outside the Senate feel that as majority leader he should be more reticent.

The Senate is very jealous of its special constitutional position in relation to foreign policy. In practice, this right to be consulted by the President and to advise and warn him is exercised by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which has the advantage of confidential briefing in closed session from the Secretary of State, the Service Chiefs of Staff, and other high authorities. Members of the committee are often appointed as delegates to international conferences and to the United Nations. Their opinion is respected and their guidance usually followed by their fellow Senators.

Senator Knowland is a member of this privileged body, but a recent one. The mere fact that he is majority leader does not in any way entitle him to act as a spokesman for his colleagues on the Foreign Relations Committee. Many of them, in fact, rather disapprove of so recent an initiate to the inner mysteries of foreign policy taking so much on himself as to make public proposals in this field.

Frank and Blunt

The second factor, however, that must be taken into account, is Senator Knowland's personality. He is a heavily built rubicund man who always wears a hacking jacket, and speaks in a round, deep unsubtle voice. He looks like a blunt, honest gentleman farmer and is, in fact, a journalist, born into the newspaper business. He is not a brilliant man, but he is sincere. Many of his political troubles arise from the unwillingness to avoid giving an honest answer to awkward questions.

Although he is a new recruit to the Foreign Relations Committee, the Senator can claim to have been consistently attempting to call attention to the deteriorating situation in Asia ever since he entered the Senate. It is, of course, natural for a Californian to be especially conscious of Far Eastern problems, but it does the Senator great injustice to suggest, as some people do, that he holds his views for narrow political reasons (his personal standing in California is practically unassailable and in any case, he has not to face another election for four years), or that he is the spokesman of any small, well-endowed group such as the "China Lobby."

Senator Knowland, who is a great admirer of Sir Winston Churchill, has long regarded himself as occupying much the same role in American life with regard to the Communist danger in Asia as Sir Winston did in British life in the nineteen-thirties with regard to the German danger in Europe. Mr. Knowland feels that the failure of America adequately to respond to this danger is due to a decline in the national character arising from self-satisfaction at American material prosperity. He fears that if this country acquires that habit of compromising on matters of principle for the sake of avoiding danger, there will soon be no point on which it will be willing to make a firm stand. In the long run, he thinks this will make a world war more likely.

There is no doubt that in expressing these sentiments Senator Knowland does represent a considerable feeling on the part of the American people. But simply because he is right in believing that there is a profound unwillingness to do anything that might involve the risk of another war, there is little inclination to do more than applaud his general sentiments while supporting the President in not backing them up with what Mr. Knowland demands.

When, for example, during the Indo-China crisis earlier this year Senator Knowland was advocating collective action against the Communists, it was pointed out to him that America's principal allies were not willing to take military action and was he not therefore advocating unilateral American intervention? Refusing as usual to evade such an issue, Mr. Knowland replied: No, he was not; what about South Korea and Formosa, which had the fourth and fifth largest armies in the world?

Had the President, who is held in great popular esteem and whose views are especially respected where military and foreign policy problems are concerned, then said that it was necessary to send American, Formosan and South Korean troops to Indo-China, there is no doubt that with a heavy heart Congress and the country would have acquiesced. But there was never any question at all of the President's hand being forced in this matter by public opinion or of Senator Knowland either being able or expecting that he would be able to mobilize enough appeal to change Mr. Eisenhower's judgment. He simply felt that as a United States Senator, he could not remain silent while he sensed that his country was about to enter a fatal course of action. But no one will really question that it is for President Eisenhower to decide if and when such a step would be politic.

While the lesson of these incidents needs to be borne in mind whenever Senator Knowland makes a specific suggestion on foreign affairs, it must always be remembered that the Administration cannot ignore the general climate of opinion which is genuinely, though over-bluntly and over-logically, reflected in the Senator's speeches.

It would, for example, be to undermine the confidence which the country has in the President, and to give Mr. Knowland additional stature, if Mr. Eisenhower were to attempt too abruptly to reverse the position that America holds in regard to the recognition of Communist China.

Murder or Manslaughter

By A Legal Correspondent

THE accepted test to be applied in England in determining whether there has been provocation sufficient to reduce a charge of murder to one of manslaughter was recently affirmed by a unanimous decision of the House of Lords, who dismissed an appeal by an 18-year-old youth who was convicted of the murder of a woman whom he had stabbed to death.

In previous cases the House of Lords had decided that the test was that of the effect of the provocation on a reasonable man, so that an unusually excitable or pugnacious person was not entitled to the defence of a provocation which would not have caused an ordinary person to act as he did.

In the case before the House of Lords, the accused was sexually handicapped and had been taunted by the woman he killed. His Counsel argued that the jury, in considering the reaction of the hypothetical reasonable man to acts of provocation, had not only to place him in the circumstances in which the accused was placed, but had also to invest him with the physical peculiarities of the accused.

The House of Lords rejected that argument. "It would be plainly illogical," said the Lord Chancellor, "not to recognize an unusually excitable or pugnacious temperament in the accused as a matter to be taken into account, but yet to recognize for that purpose some unusual physical characteristics, be it impotence or another. Moreover, the proposed distinction appears to me to ignore the fundamental fact that the temper of a man which leads him to react in such and such a way to provocation is or may be, itself conditioned by some physical defect. It is too subtle a refinement for my mind, or I think, for that of a jury, to grasp that the temper may be ignored but the physical defect taken into account."

In the opinion of the House of Lords, the argument of Counsel for the accused "makes nonsense of the test," whose purpose it is to invite the jury to consider the act of the accused by reference to a certain standard or form of conduct, and with this object the "reasonable" or the "average" or the "normal" man is invoked. If the reasonable man is then deprived in whole or in part of his reason, or the normal man endowed with abnormal characteristics, the test ceases to have any value.

This is the consideration which led the House of Lords in previous cases to say that an "unusually excitable or pugnacious person is not entitled to rely on provocation which would not have led an ordinary person to act as he did," concluded the Lord Chancellor.

The Supreme Court of Israel may in the near future have to consider whether that test is the one to be applied in this country.

Yesterday's Press

Electoral Reform Opposed

Commenting on the proposals for electoral reform, "Haboker" (General Zionist) says that the time may come for such changes, but opposes too sudden a switchover to the constituency system. The paper alleges that Mapai is mainly interested in attaining power and if it really wanted electoral reform it would have been able to achieve it in the first Knesset. The paper cites a further argument against elections in a constituency: Many people have only been living in their present place of residence for a short time and therefore lack *Lokalpatriotismus* (in the good sense of the word).

"Hatzofe" (World Mizrahi Union) is emphatically against Mr. Ben Gurion's proposal, which it believes would lead towards unrestrained one-party and boss rule. One must not "impose on the citizens of Israel an electoral system rested from outside." "Hatzofe" thinks that Mr. Ben Gurion would have sharply denounced constituency elections had he not assumed that this system might give him the absolute majority he wants.

One-sided Report

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) deals with General Burns' report: one can see that it has been written in Jordan and that it looks at the problem from its side; the other side is simply lacking. The paper believes, however, that this may be partly the fault of the Israel representatives who have always replied in the negative to all proposals made in the recent past (General Burns' own suggestions, the Anglo-American proposals for reducing tension) creating an increasingly hostile attitude in the U.N. and among the powers.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) also comments on the Burns report: in the Western capitals the chief U.N. observer has received instructions to play down Arab aggression and to exaggerate what Israel undertakes in self-defence. All this is part of one attempt to appease the reactionary Arab rulers. The General should know, however, that the citizens of Israel all hold the view that they cannot remain passive in the face of provocations by the Arab governments.

"Herut" comments on the propaganda campaign launched by the Arab ambassadors in London and expresses satisfaction with the fact that for once the Israel Embassy replied immediately, without waiting for the Foreign Minister's instructions. "Zmanim" (Progressive) defends its party against a "Ha'aretz" attack against the Progressives that supported the General Zionists in the present competition of the two parties in South America. "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) reports that "nine American oil Corporations have received 32 permits to steal all the oil in Israel."

JERUSALEM ART NOTES

Veteran Photographers

IN connection with its Photographic Exhibition, the Bezalel Museum shows samples of the work of four great veteran photographers, the late J. Rosener, the late N. Schwarz, Zadock Bassan and J. Ben Dor. Of the four, the grand old man, Zadock Bassan, belongs to the 19th century. Some of his pictures have the quality of classic early photography. Even if sometimes one has to use a magnifying glass the static beauty of his pictures repays close study.

The pearl in Ben Dor's exhibit is the romantic Kedron picture, with Boris Schatz meditating in front of a rock-tomb, while our present head of state heroically poses on the top of the rock. Rosner's frieze "The Ascent to Yehiam" is a nostalgic memorial of the days when all the sentiments that became so hackneyed by repetition on myriads of glossy propaganda prints were still sincere and genuine. In the far-too-sparse Schwartz collection, the "Ships at Jaffa" and the "Bearded old Man" would have won the recent competition at a canter.

In impressive juxtaposition to the large array of the pictures of our day, this small display sets one thinking. There is no denying that the results of the Photographic Competition were depressing. However, the full blame is not with the photographers. One should not forget that all the large assignments in this country come from institutions whose publicity officers think and order in the same worn ruts for decades.

September Exhibits

"EXHIBIT of the Month" for September is an Islamic Bowl, made at Samarkand in the ninth or tenth century. The purple black of the Kufic inscription, the only detail, stands out perfectly on the yellowish slip. The lettering in itself is a masterpiece of simple and beautiful ornamental writing, which our craftsmen, experimenting with decorative Hebrew script, could study with some profit.

Another important September exhibit is the statuette of an old woman walking, by Ernst Barlach, executed in Berlin porcelain, which is on show in the foyer. The great simplicity of Barlach's work, a monumentality independent of format, holds a message that becomes more important with every decade that separates us from the master's lifetime. Even such a tiny figurine became an independent statement in Barlach's hands.

Readers' Letters

ELECTORAL SYSTEMS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—No serious reader will disagree with Mr. Fischbach's point (in his letter of August 26) that a small number of parties makes for smoother functioning of the Parliamentary system. However, the writer is mistaken if he thinks that our proportional representation system exists only in France, where it does not work very successfully. As a matter of fact, it has worked very smoothly in Switzerland, Holland, Belgium and the Scandinavian countries for a long time. The example of the smaller European countries could be no less applicable to Israel than that of the U.S. or the U.K.

Is a two-party system, or even a three or four-party system really such an ideal solution? It allows the existence of party bosses (Tammany Hall), with the central bureaucracy attaining a position of utmost importance not justified by any constitutional provision, preventing, in addition, any internal opposition from having a practical chance for political activity. In his recent article on "Party Oligarchies" published in "The New Statesman and Nation" Mr. R. H. S. Crossman describes how the two-party system is gradually transferring the real political power from the elected Parliament to the Party bureaucracy.

Considering the fact that, both in Holland and in the U.K., Parliament functions smoothly despite the difference in the election systems, one may conclude that the success of a Parliament is dependent rather on the political maturity of the voters and the responsibility and capacity of their elected representatives.

Yours, etc.,
HANAN HERZBERG

Haifa.

U.S. APPEASEMENT

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—The policy of appeasement vis-a-vis the Arab States conducted by the U.S. and the U.K. at the expense of Israel, is not only a great political mistake but also an economic folly (and folly is sometimes worse than a crime). It has been estimated that the Arab anti-Israel boycott causes Israel alone an annual loss of about $30m.-$40m., on top of a somewhat smaller amount for additional military expenditure. If this assumption proves correct, the total sum would come to about $60m.-$70m. per annum, which happens approximately to equal the annual amount of the U.S. grant-in-aid to Israel.

A more common-sense approach to the problem of the Middle East, less tainted by notions of appeasement and containment, would save the American taxpayer some money and the U.S. a lot of embarrassment caused by prolonged Middle East instability. Another week of campaigning in the Sinai Peninsula in 1949 would have brought about peace with Egypt, the other Arab States probably following suit. Owing to extremely strong diplomatic pressure by America and Britain, this campaign was broken off with success in easy reach. The concluded Armistice Agreements did not, and will not lead to peace, because they are regarded by the Arab States as an intermission prior to the Second Round.

Yours etc.,
SHIMON AKAVYA

Tel Aviv, August 31.

MIGDAL IMMIGRANTS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—We should like to correct a mis-statement in an Itim report published in your issue of August 26, according to which 13 immigrants sent to Migdal Ashkelon by the Jewish Agency found the Amidar office closed and had to spend the night in the open.

Two families, consisting of 18 people, did present themselves at our Migdal Ashkelon office at 5:30 p.m. on August 24 with certificates from the Absorption Department of the Jewish Agency. There was no room for them at the *ma'bara* because a number of immigrants who were on the spot had taken over a few huts, but the new arrivals had somehow been led to believe that there was room and that we did not want to house them.

Our company did its best under the circumstances.

The heads of the families were taken personally by Mr. Ben David, our office manager, to *Ma'bara* Daled, where they could see for themselves that for the time being no huts were available for them.

Mr. Ben David promised the immigrants that they would be housed as soon as there would be room, and the two families were indeed given huts on August 27 and on August 30 respectively. In the meantime, they stayed with relatives in the Migdal Ashkelon *ma'bara*.

Yours, etc.,
SH. EPSTEIN
AMIDAR

Tel Aviv, August 30.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — That lovely, thoughtful gesture on the part of our Government in sending a congratulatory card to each and every citizen of the State must have made a wonderful impression on everyone. Hats off to a Government that could phrase such a simple yet appropriate and meaningful message to its citizen. It makes us feel we belong to a great and ideal family...

A happy and successful New Year to our Government of Israel.

Yours, etc.,
INGEBORG J. BLUMENTHAL

Jerusalem, September 12.

CITY CHICKENS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—I learn that in the interests of hygiene, the Jerusalem Municipality is closing down all commercial chicken coops, even in suburbs such as the German Colony. For this purpose, any coop containing more than five chickens is defined as "commercial" — irrespective of the number of people in the household to whom it belongs.

Apart from the loss to those who have set up chicken coops with official encouragement, this policy will certainly raise the price of eggs to a prohibitive level, even if it does not lead to the complete disappearance of unrationed eggs.

If the Municipality would devote the same zeal to cleaning up the sewers and garbage which disgrace the streets of the Capital, I feel that the interests of public health would be even better served, without depriving the poorer sections of the population of their only source of protein.

Yours, etc.,
ROSHEEN BILAN

Jerusalem, August 25.

Municipality Replies

1) The Municipal Council's decision makes it easier rather than harder to raise chickens in residental areas, because it had been unlawful until then.
2) Now that poultry and egg control has been discontinued, there is no justification for city residents to soil courtyards in which others have to live as well.
3) Garbage disposal is efficient in Jerusalem today. At the disposal plant, a bulldozer buries the waste daily to prevent fly-breeding.
4) The Municipal sewage system is maintained in good condition. The cesspits are now cared for better than in the past, and many have been taken out of use, for the houses they served have been connected to the city's network.
5) We are installing sanitary garbage bins, made of concrete, for the houses. Cats and dogs cannot get at their contents.

Yours, etc.,
SH. ZHEVI,
Press Relations Officer.

Jerusalem, September 6.

KEEPING POSTED

WE met an Israeli once who was spending an unconscionable time in the United States, and when we asked him what kept him there, he said it wasn't hamburgers for lunch, as we might think, or even the New York skyline at sunset, but the way the telephone system works there. If you want to ring somebody up in another town and you tell the operator whom he might be playing poker with, a friendly girl will spend an hour cheerfully looking for him, and ring you up every now and again with a progress report. He said that when we had a Bell telephone system in Israel he'd come back. As a matter of fact, he could just about come back now. We listened the other evening to a friend trying to get a business firm in Jerusalem whose number she didn't know. She couldn't find the name in the book and dialled "0". A man answered (it was evening, and the girls had all been sent safely home in accordance with the law prohibiting their employment at night) and after a moment said that he was sorry, no such name was registered. She said she knew they had a phone because she's spoken to them before but now she'd mislaid the number. Yes, and they were at such-and-such a corner, she said, but she couldn't remember the name. The voice asked her to wait a moment. As she waited she said thoughtfully to us that the thing to do would be to ring the taxi company just opposite, and get one of the drivers to go over and find out. The voice came back and asked whether the number was such-and-such. Wonderful, she said, that was it, now I remember. How had he found out? He said he asked one of the taxi drivers opposite to go across...

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PERHAPS the telephone exchange should take over the numbering of houses in Jerusalem. A correspondent writes that something should be done about the numbers now that the problem of naming the streets in the capital has been almost solved — "almost" because we still, for instance, have three Rav Kook Streets, one in the centre of town, one in Kiryat Shmuel and one in Givat Shaul, which is all right for local inhabitants but puzzling for visiting foreigners from either Petah Tikva or Paris. He points out that when you turn into Rehov Ben Hillel (and he means Rehov Ben Hillel, and not Rehov Hillel, which is the next one) you find on the left no Number 1 or Number 3, the first number being "5"; that is also the end of the little street. On the other side also starting from Ben Yehuda, there is a Number 9, then a Number 7 and then, presumably because they suddenly found out that the "9" had already been used up, they got desperate and called the next one Number 22.

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OF course, it may not really be the Municipality's fault. A friend told us recently that she had got tired of describing the flowers on her balcony to would-be visitors because there are no numbers in her street. She went out one day and decided quite simply to buy herself a number and persuade her husband to fasten it on. There are still several gaps in the street that make it difficult to calculate what the number should be, particularly as she does not know which end the numbers should start. So she bought a good round one, 25, informed all her friends and correspondents, and should now have no further trouble until someone else starts putting up numbers in earnest.

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A FRIEND who has finished writing a book tells us that he was driving along in his car quite happily thinking over the wording on the book-jacket, which was to contain the phrase "the author here describes..." At this moment the car struck some concealed obstacle and overturned. As it turned over the second time, he found himself thinking, "Heavens, they'll have to change it after all, to the late author describes..." After this, the car came to rest on its side, and he found that there seemed to be little wrong except that he couldn't open the door. The book-jacket, of course, has also survived unchanged.

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A MAN who claims that his family has treasured a seal with a *Mouse Rampant* since the 16th Century writes that he visited the Tel Aviv Zoo recently and that, speaking as a mouse fancier, he came away rather unhappy. He found a group of children congregated in front of one of the snake houses, and when he peered over their heads he saw the Black Vipers inside shared their cage with a little huddle of terrified White mice, all packed into the furthest corner of the cage. The children were amiably speculating which of the snakes would feel like having its dinner first, and which of the mice it would pick. As he observes, zoos are valuable educational institutions. He agrees that it is necessary for captive snakes to receive their food alive but writes that a snake only eats once in quite a number of weeks, and that it is wanton cruelty to keep the mice in the same cage with them all the time and argues a lack of feeling for animals that should be the primary qualification for any zoo management.

Today's contributors include G.G. Kalisch and Th.F.M., Jerusalem, and J. Weckster.

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CHANGES IN THE SCHEDULE OF "EGGED" (E.S.D)

As of today, September 20, 1954, the special bus run Tel Aviv-Safad, leaving Tel Aviv at 8.30 a.m. and returning at 3 p.m., which was in effect during the summer months, will be discontinued.

On the night of the conclusion of Rosh Hashana (September 29, 1954) the following runs will be added to our regular schedule: Emek Beisan settlements, Tiberias and Safad to Tel Aviv, and Kiryat Shmone and Safad to Haifa.

SERVICE TO S'DOM

On account of the holidays the schedule for this line between September 26 and October 9, 1954 has been revised and buses will run from and to S'dom on the following days: Sunday, September 26; Thursday, September 30 and Monday, October 4, 1954.

SERVICE TO EILAT

On account of Yom Kippur, buses will run only on Sunday, October 3, during the week October 3 — 9, 1954.

After the above-mentioned dates, service to S'dom and Eilat will be resumed according to the regular bus schedule.

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